Year 5 English: Prepositions and phrases (Hard)

English · Grammar and punctuation
Level: Hard

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- There are 10 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Write your answers on this paper. Use the space under a question to work it out.
- A grown-up can read a question aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

1. Leave out the phrases from this sentence: Our neighbour with the friendly dog waters plants in the evening. Which sentence is left?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Our neighbour waters plants.

○ **B** Our neighbour plants.

○ **C** Our neighbour with the friendly dog waters plants.

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2. Tick every phrase that tells where.

Tick every answer that fits.

> Under the old jetty, a crab scuttled over the rocks at low tide.

☐ **A** Under the old jetty

☐ **B** a

☐ **C** crab

☐ **D** scuttled

☐ **E** over the rocks

☐ **F** at low tide

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3. Circle the phrase that tells when.

Circle one answer.

> Before the first light, the hikers climbed up the steep track with heavy packs.

○ **A** Before the first light

○ **B** the

○ **C** hikers

○ **D** climbed

○ **E** up the steep track

○ **F** with heavy packs

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4. Tick every preposition.

Tick every answer that fits.

Under the old jetty, a crab scuttled over the rocks at low tide.

☐ **A** Under ☐ **B** the ☐ **C** old ☐ **D** jetty ☐ **E** a
☐ **F** crab ☐ **G** scuttled ☐ **H** over ☐ **I** the ☐ **J** rocks
☐ **K** at ☐ **L** low ☐ **M** tide

5. Tick every preposition.

Tick every answer that fits.

Before the first light, the hikers climbed up the steep track with heavy packs.

☐ **A** Before ☐ **B** the ☐ **C** first ☐ **D** light ☐ **E** the
☐ **F** hikers ☐ **G** climbed ☐ **H** up ☐ **I** the ☐ **J** steep
☐ **K** track ☐ **L** with ☐ **M** heavy ☐ **N** packs

6. Which sentence has a phrase that tells how?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** She spoke on Friday. ○ **B** She spoke in the library.
○ **C** She spoke in a quiet voice.

7. Which one word could replace 'by accident' in: Jo broke the vase by accident?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** deliberately ○ **B** accidentally ○ **C** slowly

8. Which sentence uses a preposition that tells WHEN?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** We rested with our sleeping bags.
○ **B** We rested during the hottest part of the day.
○ **C** We rested beside the cool creek.

9. Take away every phrase that begins with a preposition. What is the core? “Before sunrise, the fishers rowed across the bay with heavy nets.”

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Before sunrise, the fishers rowed.

○ **B** The fishers rowed across the bay.

○ **C** The fishers rowed.

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10. Which sentence keeps the same meaning as ‘Lena found the key under the mat’?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** The key found Lena under the mat.

○ **B** Under the mat, Lena found the key.

○ **C** Lena found the mat under the key.

Answer key

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1. A — Our neighbour waters plants.
Taking out 'with the friendly dog' and 'in the evening' leaves the core: Our neighbour waters plants.

2. A — Under the old jetty; E — over the rocks
Both of these phrases tell where.

3. A — Before the first light
'Before the first light' tells when. It starts with a preposition and has no doing word.

4. A — Under; H — over; K — at
Each phrase starts with a preposition.

5. A — Before; H — up; L — with
Each phrase starts with a preposition.

6. C — She spoke in a quiet voice.
'in a quiet voice' tells how she spoke.

7. B — accidentally
'by accident' and 'accidentally' mean the same.

8. B — We rested during the hottest part of the day.
‘During’ links to a time.

9. C — The fishers rowed.
‘Before sunrise’, ‘across the bay’ and ‘with heavy nets’ all go.

10. B — Under the mat, Lena found the key.
Moving the phrase to the front keeps who found what.